



The Guide: Summer

South Rim Information and Maps



While beautiful, summer monsoon storms pose a serious lightning threat—seek shelter inside a building, shuttle bus, or vehicle.

How Can We Help Plan Your Trip?



Need Information? Keep This Newspaper With You

Bring this Guide newspaper and your questions to a visitor center. Talk to park rangers, view exhibits, and learn about the park. The visitor



Hello. We are not interested in hiking and want to see great views from the free shuttle bus or our own car.

Park rangers suggest:

- *Get your first view of Grand Canyon* by taking a five-minute walk from Grand Canyon Visitor Center to Mather Point.
- *Ride the free shuttle buses* to see Grand Canyon vistas. From Tusayan hotels, take the Tusayan Route (purple) and transfer in the park to the Kaibab/Rim Route (orange) to access canyon viewpoints and hiking trails.
- *Drive 25 miles (40 km)* along Desert View Drive. Stop at viewpoints, learn about ancestral Puebloan people at Tusayan Museum, and visit the historic Desert View Watchtower.
- *View sunrise or sunset* by car from Lipan Point on Desert View Drive or ride the Kaibab/Rim Route shuttle bus to Yaki Point.



Good day. I am excited to explore the canyon on foot or by bicycle.

Park rangers suggest:

- *Walk any portion* of the 13-mile (20 km) Rim Trail to see Grand Canyon. Use the free shuttle bus to get back to where you started.
- *Hike into Grand Canyon* for a different perspective. Take a short hike on the scenic South Kaibab Trail to Cedar Ridge or prepare for a longer day hike on the Bright Angel Trail.
- *Bicycle the Greenway Trail* to South Kaibab Trailhead or ride Hermit Road to Hermits Rest to feel the wind on your face.
- *View sunrise or sunset* as you bicycle the Greenway Trail or stroll the Rim Trail to enjoy the light changing on the canyon walls and in the sky.



Hi, I have children in my group and would like to see great views and participate in activities with my kids.

Park rangers suggest:

- *Pick up a Junior Ranger booklet* at park visitor centers. Complete fun activities, attend a park ranger program, and earn a badge.
- *Learn about Grand Canyon* during park ranger programs, such as "natural wonders", "kids rock!", or "critter chat". Be sure your kids get their Junior Ranger booklet signed.
- *Walk with your family* through historic Grand Canyon Village. Wander through shops, grab a bite to eat, and discover the amazing Kolb brothers at Kolb Studio.
- *View sunrise or sunset* as you stroll the Trail of Time, which begins at Yavapai Geology Museum.

centers, except for the Backcountry Information Center, also feature Grand Canyon Association Park Stores and a stamp for your Passport To Your National Parks®.

Grand Canyon Village

GRAND CANYON VISITOR CENTER

8 am–5 pm

BACKCOUNTRY INFORMATION CENTER

8 am–noon and 1–5 pm

KOLB STUDIO

8 am–8 pm

VERKAMP'S VISITOR CENTER

8 am–8 pm

YAVAPAI GEOLOGY MUSEUM

8 am–8 pm

Desert View

DESERT VIEW VISITOR CENTER

8 am–6 pm

TUSAYAN MUSEUM AND RUIN

9 am–5 pm

See page 4–5 for detailed driving, hiking, and free shuttle bus maps.



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Welcome to Grand Canyon National Park!

Visiting places like Grand Canyon offers experiences and

exposures to environments completely different from those of our everyday lives. A trip to Grand Canyon can be memorable and life changing. One of my goals is for you to have a safe and unforgettable experience, but when you are away from home you may not always be aware of your surroundings and the risks they pose.

This guide is a great way to get started. In it, you will find information about visitor services and park ranger programs, as well as a map and information about how to use the **free** shuttle buses. You will also find advice about seasonal conditions and how to stay safe during your visit.

The visitor centers are a terrific next step. They offer opportunities to ask questions of our knowledgeable park rangers or volunteers. Stop by Grand Canyon Visitor Center for an overview of the park. Learn about geology at Yavapai Geology Museum; and explore Grand Canyon's human history at Tusayan Museum and Ruin or Verkamp's Visitor Center. If you plan to hike, stop by the Backcountry Information Center for advice.

I hope your interest does not end when you leave. The park faces many challenges and I encourage you to stay involved. You can track issues and provide comments at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/>. You can learn about park management at www.nps.gov/grca/parkmgmt/index.htm. I also encourage you to follow Grand Canyon

Special Programs

First Friday Film Fest

June 6, 8:30 pm: *The City Dark*

July 4, 8:30 pm: *Watershed*

August 1, 8 pm: *The Ends of the Earth*
McKee Amphitheater

Enjoy the summer evening outdoors with films about Earth's complex and unique environmental resources and learn what you can do to protect these resources for future generations. Wheelchair-accessible with assistance.

Grand Canyon Music Festival 31st Season

August 22 to September 7, 7:30 pm

Shrine of the Ages

www.grandcanyonmusicfest.org

Discover the Canyon by Phone

Enjoy two-minute park ranger talks at 30 locations throughout the park. Look for cell phone tour signs, dial 928-225-2907, and enter the stop number. Funded by the Grand Canyon Association.

Explore Virtual Caches

Discover EarthCaches™ specifically tailored to geology, educational experiences, modern technology, and outdoor adventures. Stop by Grand Canyon Visitor Center or visit www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/virtual-caching.htm to get EarthCache™ information and start your adventure today. You will need your own GPS-enabled device to participate.

The Sun and Moon

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
May 15	5:23 am	7:27 pm
June 1	5:13 am	7:39 pm

Star Party

June 21–28

Grand Canyon Visitor Center

Dusk: Telescope viewing begins

8 pm: Slide show in theater; limited capacity; arrive early

9 pm: Best telescope viewing begins and continues into the evening

9 pm, 9:30 pm, 10 pm: Constellation tours

Bring a flashlight for arrival and departure; red lights only in telescope lot. Dress warmly.

Wheelchair-accessible.

Artist-in-Residence

Few places inspire as much wonder and creativity as Grand Canyon. Grand Canyon National Park hosts two Artist-in-Residence programs—a seasonal program on the North Rim and a year-round program on the South Rim. Ask in visitor centers about a limited number of free, family-friendly programs with these artists or call 928-638-7616 for recorded information. For Artist-in-Residence opportunities visit www.nps.gov/grca/supportyourpark/air.htm

SOUTH RIM SUMMER ARTISTS AND GENRES
May 5–31

Jean Gumpfer: printmaking
www.jeangumpfer.com

June 1–21

Jared Charzewski: found object and recycled material installation
www.jaredcharzewski.com

June 22 through July 12

Michael Naranjo: bronze sculptor
www.matteucci.com

August 2–30

Chamber Music OC: pianist Kevin

Echoes from the Canyon

July 26, 8:30 pm

August 9, 8 pm

August 30, 8 pm

McKee Amphitheater

Watch historical figures from Grand Canyon's past come to life with stories about their families, adventures, discoveries, and efforts to survive in this remote location. Wheelchair-accessible with assistance.

Be a Part of Something Grand

You can make a difference at Grand Canyon National Park!

With your help, the Grand Canyon Association (GCA) supports an impressive variety of projects and programs that ensure all visitors enjoy the awe-inspiring wonder of Grand Canyon.

As the park's official nonprofit partner, GCA cooperates with the National Park Service to operate Park Stores in seven locations in the park. GCA Park Store purchases help fund new exhibits, scientific research, trail restoration, wildlife monitoring, ecological restoration, support for the arts, Junior Ranger and education programs, and historic building preservation.

Explore the Canyon's Wonders with the Grand Canyon Field Institute

Learn about geology, archaeology, photography, yoga, and more, during fun and informative education classes. Activities include rim walks, backpacks, and river trips. Call 866-471-4435

National Park on Facebook and Twitter and consider becoming a Grand Canyon Association member.

I hope you have a safe and enjoyable visit, create wonderful new memories, and make plans to explore the over 400 national park units across the country. Thank you.

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Grand Canyon National Park

Located in northern Arizona, the park encompasses 277 miles (446 km) of the Colorado River and adjacent uplands. One of the most spectacular examples of erosion anywhere in the world, Grand Canyon is unmatched in the incomparable vistas it offers visitors on the rim. Grand Canyon National Park is a World Heritage Site.

The Guide is published by Grand Canyon National Park and is supported by your fees. It is available in French, German, Spanish, Italian, Japanese, Chinese, and Korean. An *Accessibility Guide* is also available.

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June 15	5:11 am	7:47 pm
July 1	5:15 am	7:50 pm
July 15	5:23 am	7:46 pm
August 1	5:35 am	7:34 pm
August 15	5:47 am	7:20 pm
September 1	6:00 am	6:58 pm

Full Moon Date Rise Time

June 12	6:57 pm
July 12	7:56 pm
August 10	7:17 pm

The North Rim

Grand Canyon's North Rim offers you a tranquil experience. Open mid-May through the end of October, the North Rim is a five-hour, 215-mile (346 km) drive from Grand Canyon Village. Accommodations fill in advance; reservations are strongly recommended.

Grand Canyon Lodge

877-386-4383 or www.foreverresorts.com

North Rim Campground

877-444-6777 or www.recreation.gov



Chamber Music OC, pianist Kevin Kwan-Loucks, violinist Iryna Kreckovsky-Loucks, violist Michelle Gassworth, and cellist Ross Gassworth
www.chambermusicoc.org

Celebrate Wilderness

Throughout the summer, look for special programs celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act (September 3, 1914). This act provides the highest level of public land protection in the United States. Ninety-four percent of Grand Canyon National Park qualifies for wilderness designation and is protected as such. Is there a designated wilderness area where you live? Wilderness belongs to everyone—this year let's honor it together!
www.wilderness.net

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nationalparks.org/summer



or visit www.grandcanyon.org/fieldinstitute

Take Grand Canyon Home with You

Join GCA today. Members receive exclusive benefits and discounts. For information, visit a GCA Park Store, call toll-free 800-858-2808, or visit www.grandcanyon.org.

New Trails Forever Endowment

In February 2014, Arizona Public Service donated \$1 million to GCA to establish the Grand Canyon Trails Forever Endowment to preserve and protect Grand Canyon's trails. This is one of the most significant private, philanthropic gifts in Grand Canyon's history. The endowment provides on-going funding vital to help maintain 350 miles (563 km) of established trails, including the popular corridor trails such as the Bright Angel, South Kaibab, and North Kaibab trails. A portion of this generous gift was used to help renovate the Bright Angel Trailhead. As the National Park Service approaches its 100th anniversary in 2016, this donation establishes a path that ensures those generations to come enjoy one of our nation's most precious gifts—Grand Canyon—for the next 100 years and beyond.



Park Ranger Programs

Discover Grand Canyon with free programs given by park rangers and volunteers in or near Grand Canyon Village. For Desert View programs, see page 8. Since parking is limited, park rangers recommend you ride the free shuttle buses to program locations. Children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Programs take place outdoors, but may be cancelled or moved inside during inclement weather or when lightning danger is present. Times are mountain standard (same as Pacific time during summer). Arizona does not recognize daylight-saving time.

Time	Program	Meeting Location	Duration/Distance	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
7 am	Into the Canyon Hike Discover the canyon's beauty and natural history while descending 1,120 ft (340 m) on an unpaved trail. Strenuous hike; not recommended for people with heart or respiratory problems or difficulty walking. Bring water, snacks, sunscreen, and wear sturdy hiking shoes.	South Kaibab Trailhead Ride the free Kaibab/ Rim Route shuttle bus.	3–4 hours 3 miles (4.8 km)	X				X	X	X
8:30 am	Rim View Walk Travel the paved Rim Trail and learn about natural history and some of the critical issues facing Grand Canyon. To return, you may choose to hike back, continue on to Hermits Rest, or ride the shuttle bus.	Bright Angel Trailhead sign	2 hours 2 miles (3.2 km)	X		X		X		
9:30 am	Fossil Discovery Walk This easy walk explores what fossils tell us about the geologic story of ancient life and why they should be protected.	Bright Angel Trailhead sign	60 minutes 0.5 miles (0.8 km)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
10:30 am	Canyon in Focus For centuries explorers, scientists, and artists have tried to capture the majesty of Grand Canyon through art or writing. Hike a less-traveled trail and find what inspires you. Journals provided.	South Kaibab Trailhead Ride the free Kaibab/ Rim Route shuttle bus.	60 minutes 0.5 miles (0.8 km)		X	X	X			X
11 am	Greatest Stories in Stone Discover Grand Canyon's amazing geologic story. Why is it so deep, wide, and grand? Accessible.	Yavapai Geology Museum	60 minutes 1 mile (1.6 km)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1 pm	A Walk through History Hear stories of people's enduring relationship with the canyon and take a short walk around the village historic district. Perfect for train passengers. Accessible.	El Tovar Hotel (flagpole)	60 minutes 1 mile (1.6 km)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3 pm	Geo Glimpse Take a quick peek at Grand Canyon's visible geologic story written in the landscape. Accessible.	Yavapai Geology Museum	30 minutes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4:30 pm	Condor Talk Learn about the majestic and endangered California condor, its reintroduction to northern Arizona, and its ongoing struggle for survival.	Lookout Studio	60 minutes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
8:30 pm, May to July 8:00 pm, Aug to Sept	Evening Program Relax beneath the stars and enjoy a presentation about the park's fascinating natural or cultural history. Check visitor centers for topics. Accessible with assistance. <i>For program June 21–28, join Star Party.</i>	McKee Amphitheater	60 minutes		X		X		X	X
Varies	Ranger Rendezvous Discover Grand Canyon in the evening! Explore some of the park's lesser-known stories and facts. Programs include campfire talks, star walks, night hikes, cemetery tours, and more.	Ask a park ranger at visitor centers	60 minutes	X		X		X		
Varies	Science in the Park Get hands on and learn about research in the park.	Ask a park ranger at visitor centers	Varies		X		X		X	

Ranger on the Rim

Stop by between the times listed below to visit with a park ranger about park science, current research, or to just simply enjoy the sunset. Offered daily. Accessible.

California Condor

1–3 pm

Hopi Point; ride the free Hermits Rest Route shuttle bus

Colorado River

3–5 pm

Pima Point; ride the free Hermits Rest Route shuttle bus

Grand Canyon Sunset

6 pm to sunset

Hopi Point; ride the free Hermits Rest Route shuttle bus

Junior Ranger Programs



Time	Programs for Families with Children Ages 6–14	Meeting Location	Duration/Distance	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
9 am	Family Adventure Hike Hike the challenging Hermit Trail, and enjoy the canyon's wonders while learning about rocks, fossils, plants, and animals. Bring water, salty snacks, sunscreen, and wear sturdy hiking shoes. To arrive on time, board the free Hermits Rest Route shuttle bus by 8 am. Steep, rocky, strenuous hike not recommended for people with heart or respiratory problems, difficulty walking, or an extreme fear of heights.	Hermits Rest (at the bell)	2–2.5 hours June 8 to August 9 2 miles (3.2 km)		X	X	X		X	X
10 am	Natural Wonders Discover what makes Grand Canyon one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Accessible.	Grand Canyon Visitor Center (flagpole)	30 minutes June 8 to September 1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
10:30 am	Walk on the Wild Side Explore the canyon's natural world during this walk through the forest to the canyon rim. Rocky surfaces and uneven terrain; sturdy shoes advised.	Shrine of the Ages (wooden benches)	60 minutes June 8 to September 1 0.5-mile (0.8 km)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2 pm	Critter Chat Learn about Grand Canyon's diverse wild inhabitants. Accessible.	El Tovar Hotel (flagpole)	30 minutes June 8 to September 1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2:30 pm	Natural Wonders Discover what makes Grand Canyon one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Accessible.	Grand Canyon Visitor Center (flagpole)	30 minutes June 8 to September 1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4 pm	Kids Rock! Enjoy games and activities introducing children to the natural and historic wonders of Grand Canyon.	Shrine of the Ages (wooden benches)	60 minutes June 8 to August 9	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
7:30 pm	Twilight Zone Experience the wonders of the night with activities connecting children to the canyon's nocturnal world. Rocky surfaces and uneven terrain; sturdy walking shoes advised. Bring a flashlight.	Shrine of the Ages (wooden benches)	60–90 minutes June 8 to August 9	X				X		

Park Fun for Kids

Children ages four and older can pick up a free Junior Ranger booklet from any visitor center and earn a badge; must attend one of the free park ranger programs listed above.

Learn in an Outdoor Classroom

Teachers: Field Trips, Workshops, Ranger Classroom Visits, and Distance Learning
928-638-7931 or www.nps.gov/grca/forteachers/
Expeditions for Teens

www.nps.gov/grca/forkids/camp.htm

Grand Canyon Semester

<https://nau.edu/Honors/GCS/>

<http://www.prescott.edu/learn/non-degree/grand-canyon-semester.html>

Discovery Packs for Families

**Pack check out with ID: 8 am to noon
Grand Canyon Visitor Center**

Borrow a discovery pack and explore the natural wonders of Grand Canyon with your family. Binoculars, field guides, and other naturalist tools included. Participants who complete four or more activities in the discovery pack journal are eligible to purchase a patch. Parents sign out packs and must return them to Grand Canyon Visitor Center within 24 hours.

Park Ranger Programs Down in Grand Canyon

Are you hiking to Phantom Ranch or Indian Garden? If so, discover the many wonders of the inner canyon with a wide range of natural and cultural history programs. *These programs are only accessible by a long, strenuous hike or mule ride.*

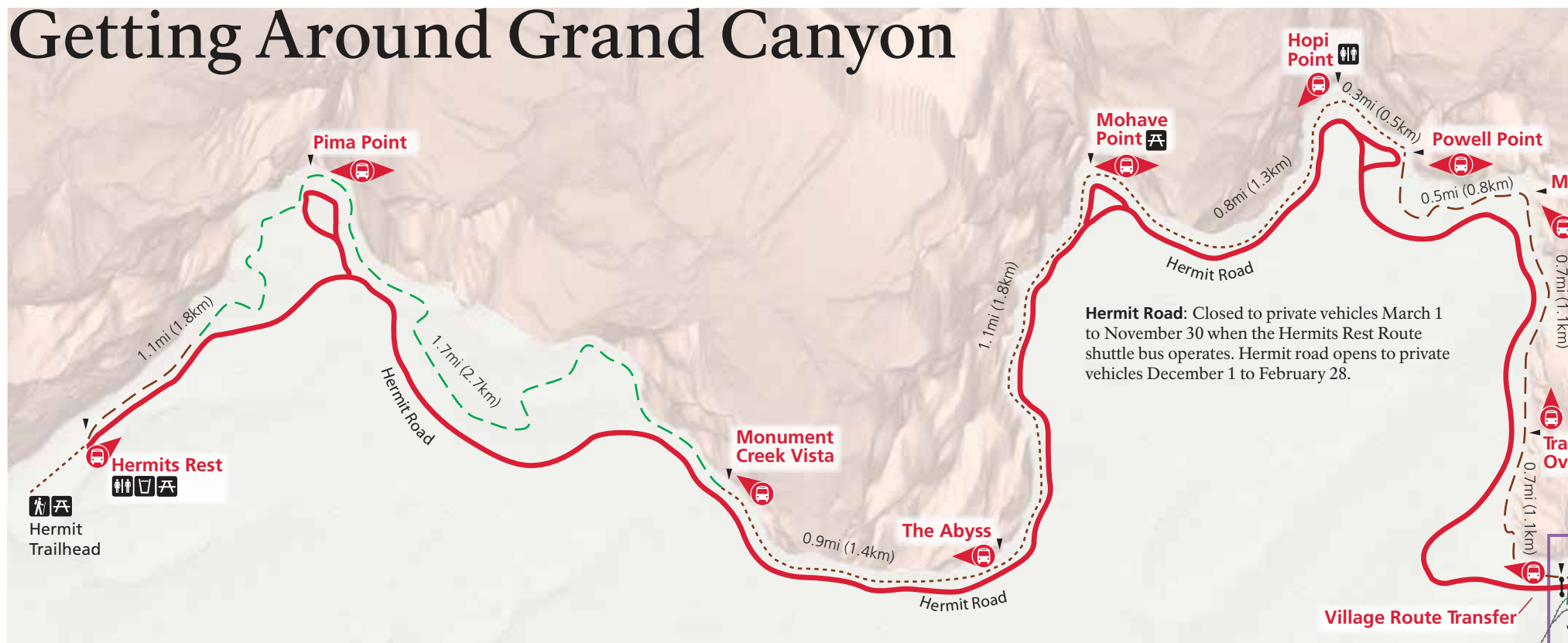
**Indian Garden, times vary,
Saturday to Tuesday**

Check the bulletin board for program topics, locations, and times. Wilderness Explorer Junior Ranger booklet available. Accessible only by hiking 4.5 miles (7.2 km) down Bright Angel Trail.

**Phantom Ranch, 4 pm and 7:30 pm,
Daily**

Check bulletin boards for program locations and topics. Phantom Ranch Junior Ranger activity booklet available. Accessible only by hiking or a mule ride to the bottom of Grand Canyon.

Getting Around Grand Canyon



Shuttle Bus FAQ

Are the shuttle buses free?

Yes, your entrance fee includes free shuttle bus transportation.

How do the shuttle buses work?

Running like a city bus system, four shuttle bus routes stop at gift shops, visitor centers, and viewpoints. Just wait at any bus stop and enjoy the ride. No shuttle bus drives to Desert View.

Note: During the busy part of the day, buses fill quickly. You may have to wait for two or three shuttle buses to board.

How can I tell the difference between shuttle bus routes?

The front of the free, green and white shuttle bus displays the name of the

Driving and Parking FAQ

Where can I drive my car?

You can drive roads indicated by a solid black line on the maps in this Guide. Yaki Point Road and Hermit Road are closed to private vehicles. To access these areas, ride the free shuttle bus.

A Scenic Drive Accessibility Permit allows visitors with mobility issues entry to some areas closed to public traffic. This permit is available at entrance gates, visitor centers, and hotel lobbies.

Where can I park?

Parking lots in Grand Canyon Village are located near shuttle bus stops.

- **Parking lots 1–4** Grand Canyon Visitor Center. Lot 1 includes auto, RV, and trailer parking

LEGEND

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|--|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| | Drivable park roads | | Drinking water |
| | Village Route and bus stop | | First aid |
| | Kaibab/Rim Route and bus stop | | Information |
| | Hermits Rest Route and bus stop | | Parking |
| | Tusayan Route and bus stop | | Picnic area |
| | Arrows indicate direction of travel | | Restrooms/toilets |
| | Shuttle bus gate | | Telephone |
| | Paved Rim Trail | | Theater |
| | Unpaved Rim Trail | | Trailhead |
| | Paved Greenway Trail | | |

0 0.5 Kilometer 0.5 Mile

North



Shuttle bus displays the name of the route and its color.

What are the shuttle bus rules?

- No eating or open drink containers.
- No pets. Service animals permitted.
- Collapse strollers before entering the shuttle bus. No oversized or jogging strollers. Remove baby-back carriers when seated.
- Shuttle buses can accommodate two or three bicycles, but not tag alongs, baby trailers, or children's bicycles with wheels less than 16 inches (41 cm). Riders must load and unload their bicycles.
- Shuttle buses only stop at designated bus stops.

Will my wheelchair fit on the bus?

Shuttle buses are equipped with ramps to accommodate wheelchairs smaller than 30 inches wide by 48 inches long (76 by 122 cm). Most motorized scooters will not fit on shuttle buses.

RV, and trailer parking.

- **Parking Lot A** Park Headquarters
- **Parking Lot B** Market Plaza
- **Parking Lot C** near Center Road in Grand Canyon Village
- **Parking Lot D** Backcountry Information Center; includes auto parking in the north end and RV and trailer parking in the south end.

Where can I learn about road conditions?

Check at visitor centers or call 928-638-7496. Please slow down, take your time, and drive carefully.

What else do I need to know about driving?

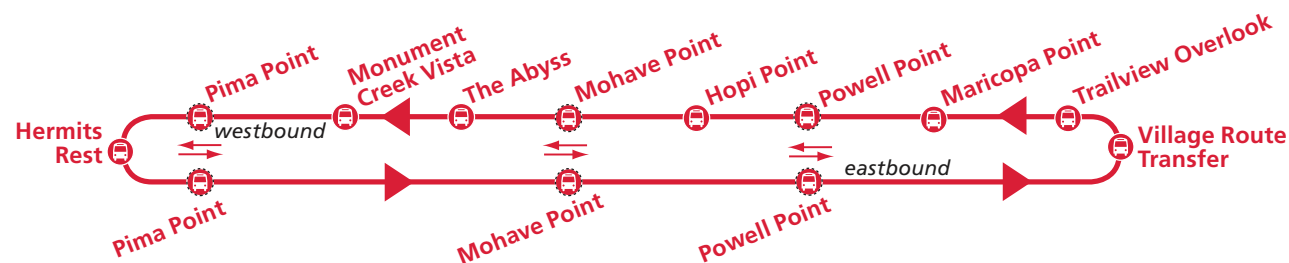
Do not stop in the road, block traffic, or park along the roadside, except where signs or lines on the road indicate it is permissible. Use pull-outs to take pictures and view wildlife.

HIKERS' EXPRESS

Express service to South Kaibab Trailhead. Shuttle bus leaves Bright Angel Lodge, then stops at the Backcountry Information Center, Grand Canyon Visitor Center, and South Kaibab Trailhead.

Bus leaves Bright Angel Lodge at:

- 5 am, 6 am, and 7 am in May
- 4 am, 5 am, and 6 am in June, July, and August
- 5 am, 6 am, and 7 am in September



HERMITS REST ROUTE—RED ROUTE

- 80 minutes roundtrip
- Stops at nine viewpoints
- Toilets at Hopi Point
- Water, snack bar, toilets, and gift shop at Hermits Rest
- Buses run every:
 - 30 minutes 4–6:45 am
 - 15 minutes 6:45 am to sunset
 - 30 minutes sunset to an hour after sunset
- For the last bus, be at a bus stop no later than 30 minutes after sunset.

VILLAGE ROUTE—BLUE ROUTE

- 50 minutes roundtrip
- Stops at Grand Canyon Visitor Center, hotels, restaurants, and campgrounds
- Grand Canyon views are a short walk from some shuttle bus stops
- Buses run every:
 - 30 minutes 4–6:15 am
 - 15 minutes 6:15 am–7 pm
 - 30 minutes 7–11 pm
- For the last bus, be at a bus stop no later than 10:30 pm.

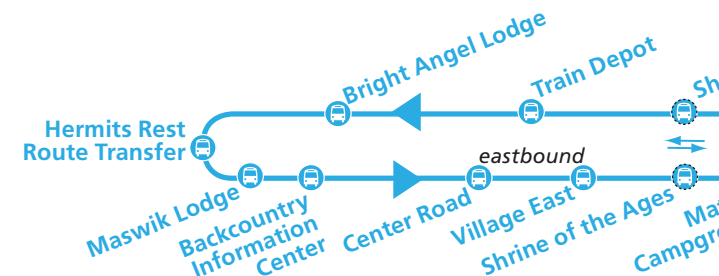
KAIBAB/RIM ROUTE—ORANGE ROUTE

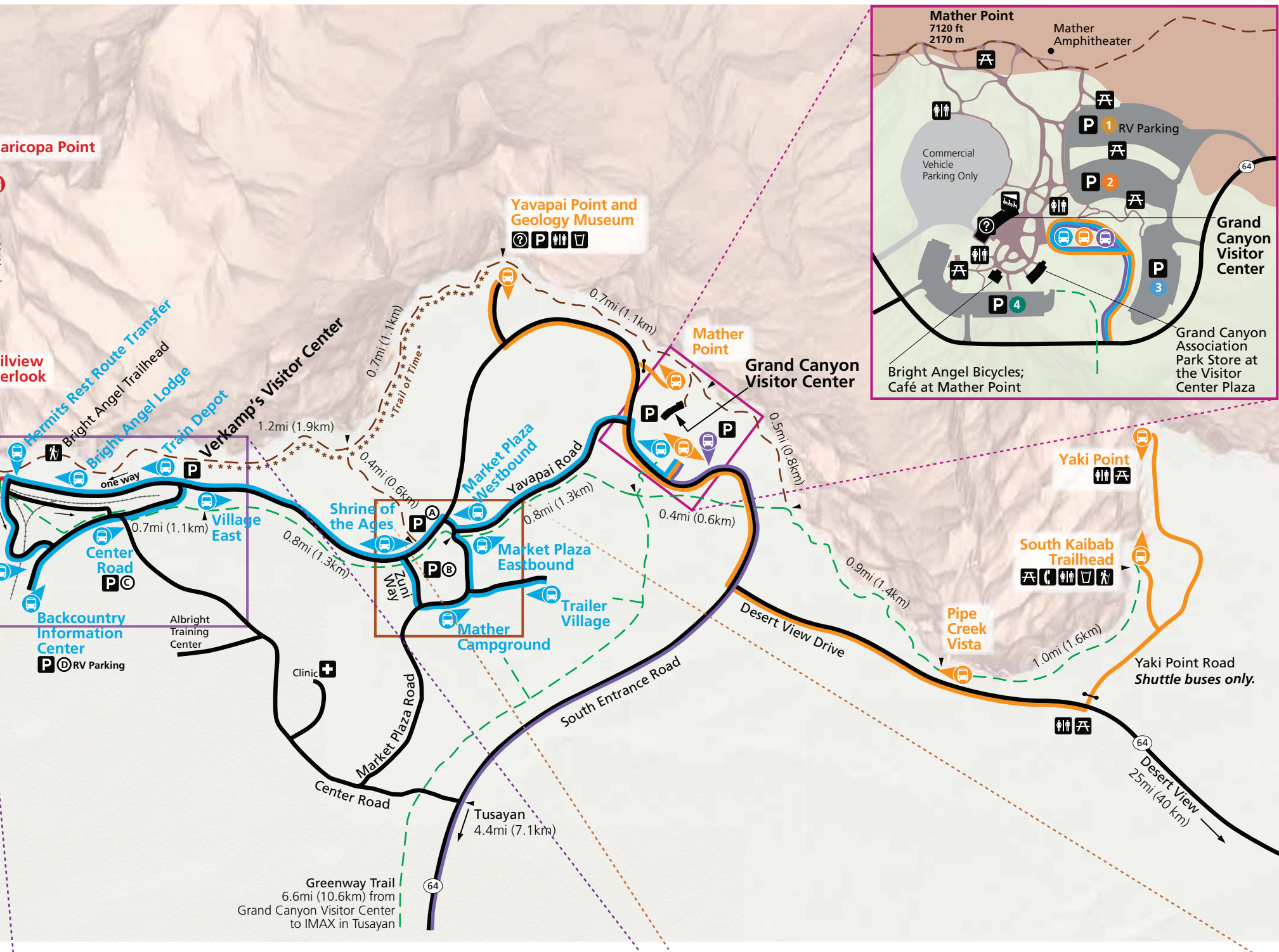
- 50 minutes roundtrip
- Stops at several viewpoints, Grand Canyon Visitor Center, and Yavapai Geology Museum.
- Access to South Kaibab Trailhead
- Buses run every:
 - 30 minutes 4–6:30 am
 - 15 minutes 6 am to one hour after sunset
- For the last bus, be at a bus stop no later than 30 minutes after sunset.

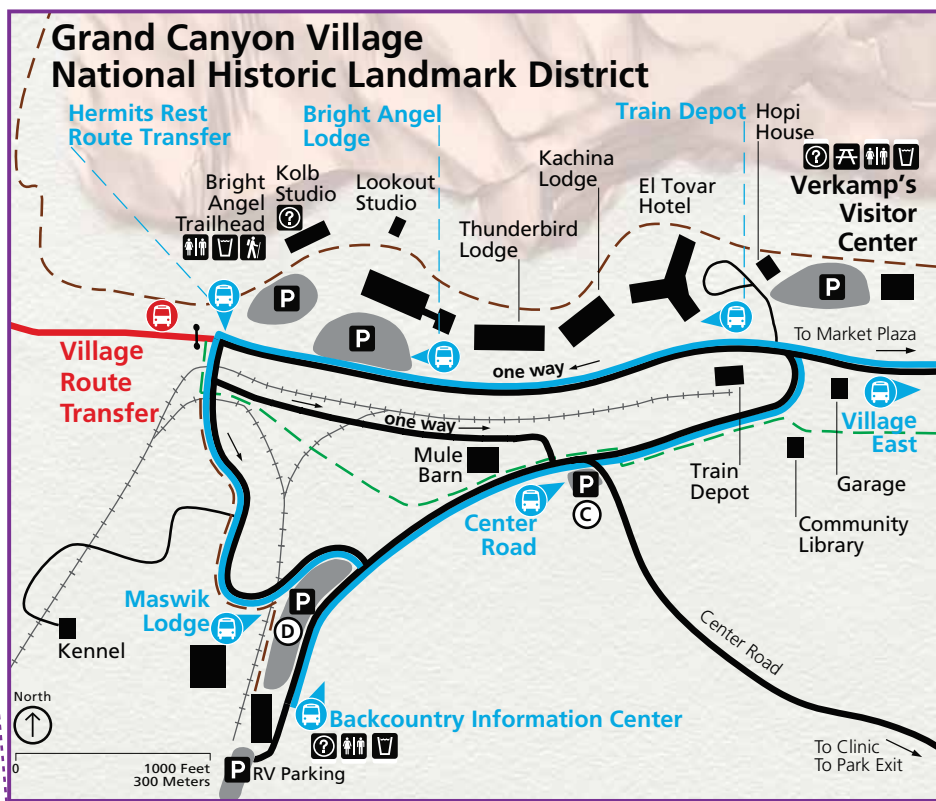
TUSAYAN ROUTE—PURPLE ROUTE

PARK AND RIDE: WE'LL BE YOUR GUIDE

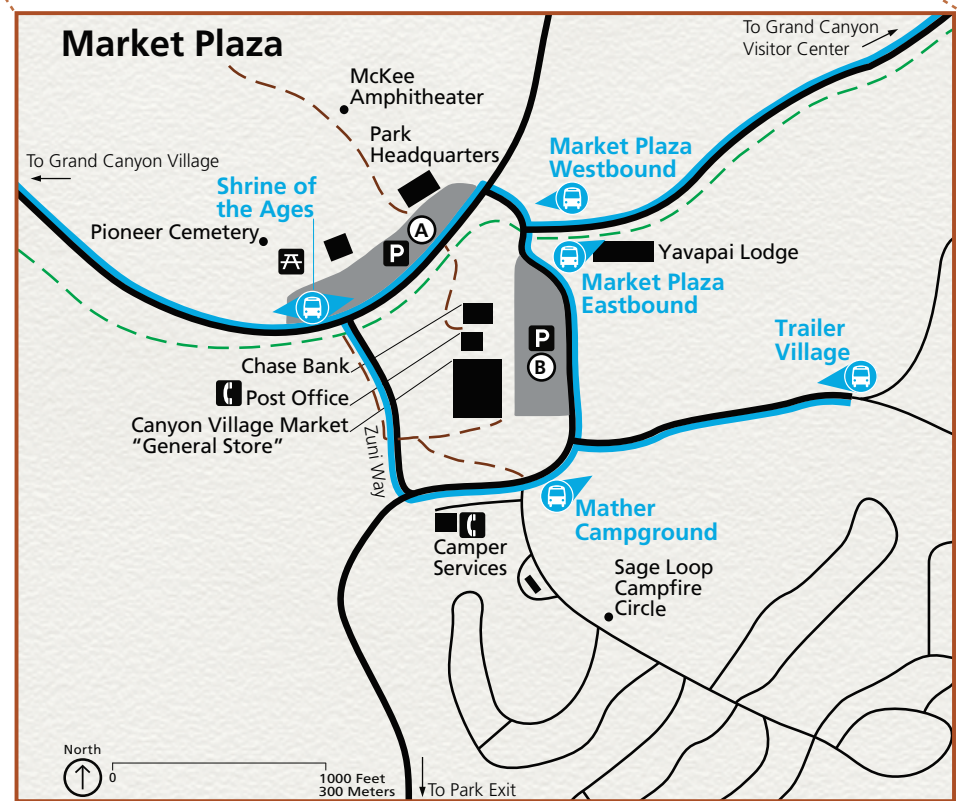
- 40 minutes roundtrip
- Stops at IMAX, Best Western Grand Canyon Squire Inn, The Grand Hotel, Big E Steakhouse & Saloon, and Grand Canyon Visitor Center
- Buses run every 20 minutes:
 - First bus leaves IMAX at 8 am; last bus leaves at 9:45 pm
 - First bus leaves Grand Canyon Visitor Center at 8:25 am; last bus leaves at 9:30 pm.



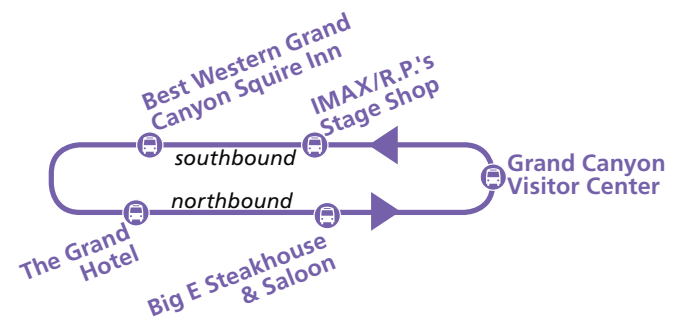
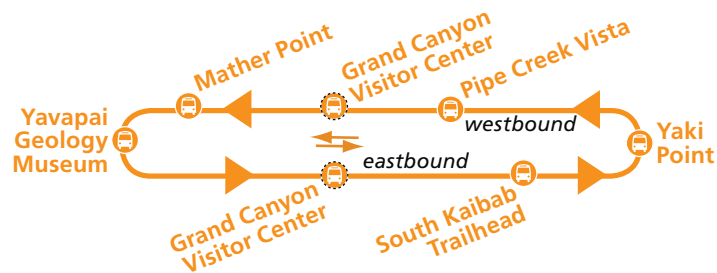
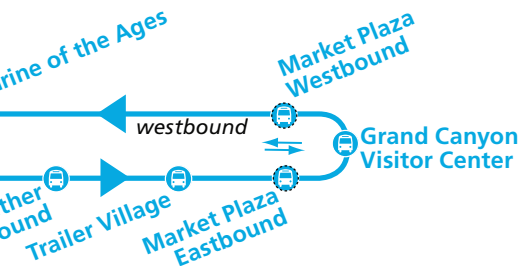




Find food, lodging, restrooms, free drinking water, gift shops, GCA Park Stores, and an ATM in the Grand Canyon Village National Historic Landmark District.



Find food, lodging, camping, restrooms, free drinking water, groceries, gift shops, and an ATM at Market Plaza.



Stroll the Rim Trail

The Rim Trail offers a diverse hiking experience along 13 miles (21 km) of the canyon, shown by brown and green dashed lines on the map on pages 4–5. Choose your adventure, from a short sunrise walk to a full afternoon hike. The Rim Trail is wheelchair-accessible from Lookout Studio to South Kaibab Trailhead. Ride the free shuttle bus and add variety into your Rim Trail adventure by walking one way and riding back. Distances below are one way.

Difficulty	Start	Finish	Distance	Attraction
Easy, popular Wide, paved trail; accessible for strollers and wheelchairs with assistance	Mather Point	Yavapai Point	0.7 miles (1.1 km)	View of Colorado River and Phantom Ranch
	Yavapai Geology Museum	Verkamp's Visitor Center	1.3 miles (2.1 km)	Touch rocks from all of Grand Canyon's layers along the award-winning Trail of Time
	Verkamp's Visitor Center	Kolb Studio	0.6 miles (1 km)	Explore local history in the village historic district
Easy, Less Traveled Little elevation gain	South Kaibab Trailhead	Mather Point	2.1 miles (3.4 km)	Great views of an inner-canyon trail; paved
	Monument Creek Vista	Hermits Rest	2.8 miles (4.5 km)	Quiet and less crowded with forest and canyon views; paved
	Hopi Point	Powell Point	0.3 miles (0.5 km)	Expansive east and west views of Grand Canyon; unpaved
Moderate Some elevation gain and/or rough terrain	Mohave Point	Monument Creek Vista	2.0 miles (3.2 km)	Unpaved trail with great views
	Hermits Rest Route Transfer	Trailview Overlook	0.7 miles (1.1 km)	Views of Grand Canyon Village and Bright Angel Trail; paved, steep grade

Pedal the Greenway Trail

Bicycle along the canyon rim and through peaceful forest scenery by following the green dashed lines on the map on pages 4–5. Bicycles are only permitted on the Greenway Trail, paved roads, and dirt roads open to vehicles. Bicycles are prohibited on the Rim Trail and trails down in to Grand Canyon.

Obey all traffic regulations, ride single file with the flow of traffic, and wear bright colors and a helmet. *On Hermit and Yaki Point roads, bicyclists must pull to the right shoulder and dismount when a shuttle bus passes.*



Visitor Services

Locations shown on the maps on pages 4–5.

Food and Beverage

BRIGHT ANGEL BICYCLES

Café at Mather Point 6 am–8 pm

BRIGHT ANGEL LODGE

The Arizona Room Lunch 11:30 am–3 pm; dinner 4:30–10 pm, reservations not accepted; lounge 4:30–10 pm

Bright Angel Coffee House 5:30–10 am

Bright Angel Fountain 10 am–7 pm

Bright Angel Restaurant Breakfast 6–10:45 am; lunch 11:15 am–4 pm; dinner 4:30–10 pm

Lodging

Same-day reservations: 928-638-2631

Advance reservations: 888-297-2757

www.grandcanyonlodges.com

Bright Angel Lodge \$94–404

El Tovar Hotel \$186–464

Kachina Lodge \$194–209

Maswik Lodge \$94–185

Thunderbird Lodge \$194–209

Yavapai Lodge \$140–174

Phantom Ranch Meals, hiker dormitory, and cabin space located at the bottom of the canyon.

Camping

Mather Campground (National Park Service)

Campsites fill up daily during peak season, weekends, and holidays. Advance reservations highly recommended and can be made up to six months in advance using www.recreation.gov or 877-444-6777.

Trailer Village (Xanterra Parks & Resorts)

\$35 per night for two people; \$3.50 for each additional person over age 16. Pull-through sites with hookups; dump station nearby.

Tours and Trips

Bright Angel Bicycles Wheelchair and stroller rentals, bicycle rentals, and guided tours. Located near parking lot 4 at Grand Canyon Visitor Center. 8 am–6 pm. 928-638-3055 or www.bikegrandcanyon.com

Xanterra Transportation Desks Arrange tours and trips at Bright Angel Lodge 5 am–8 pm; Maswik Lodge 5 am–7 pm; or Yavapai Lodge 8 am–1 pm and 2–6 pm

any, lunch 11:15 am–2 pm; dinner 4:30–10 pm; lounge 11 am–11 pm

CANYON VILLAGE MARKET
Canyon Village Deli 7 am–8 pm

EL TOVAR HOTEL
El Tovar Dining Room Breakfast 6:30–10:45 am; lunch 11:15 am–2 pm. Dinner 4:30–10 pm; dinner reservations required 928-638-2631, ext. 6432; lounge 11 am–11 pm

HERMITS REST
Hermits Rest Snack Bar 8 am to sunset

MASWIK LODGE
Maswik Foodcourt 6 am–10 pm
Maswik Pizza Pub 11 am–11 pm

YAVAPAI LODGE
Yavapai Foodcourt 6 am–9 pm

Books and Gifts

Bright Angel Lodge 7 am–10 pm
El Tovar Hotel 7 am–10 pm
Grand Canyon Association Park Stores
at **Kolb Studio** 8 am–8 pm
at **Verkamp's Visitor Center** 8 am–8 pm
at **Visitor Center Plaza** 8 am–8 pm
at **Yavapai Geology Museum** 8 am–8 pm
Hermits Rest Gift Shop 8 am to sunset
Hopi House 8 am–8 pm
Lookout Studio 8 am to sunset
Maswik Lodge 7 am–10 pm
Yavapai Lodge 7 am–10 pm

Reservations required.

Services

ATM Chase Bank and Maswik Lodge

Canyon Village Market "General Store"
Groceries, supplies, and gifts. 7 am–9 pm

Chase Bank Monday to Thursday 9 am–5 pm; Friday 9 am–6 pm. 928-638-2437

Garage Emergency repairs and tow service. 8 am to noon and 1–5 pm. 928-638-2631

Kaibab Learning Center Day care for one to 12 year olds; immunization records required. Monday to Friday, 7:30 am–5:30 pm. 928-638-6333

Kennel Dogs and cats need proof of inoculations, 7:30 am–5 pm, 928-638-0534
For retrieval after 5 pm: 928-638-2631

Lost and Found 928-638-7798; 928-638-2631

Post Office Monday to Friday 9 am–4:30 pm; Saturday 11 am–1 pm; closed Sunday and federal holidays. 928-638-2512

Religious Services See schedules at Mather Campground, Shrine of the Ages, Grand Canyon Post Office, Grand Canyon Visitor Center, and Park Headquarters

Taxi 928-638-2822

WiFi and Public Computer Access
Park Headquarters: Free WiFi 8 am–5 pm daily; computers available 8 am–4:30 pm, Monday to Friday, except federal holidays
Community Library: Free WiFi and computers available, 10:30 am–5 pm, Monday to Saturday
Hotel Lobbies: WiFi available 24 hours a day; fees may be charged
Canyon Village Market: WiFi; see hours above

Same-day reservations: 928-638-2631.
Advance reservations: 888-297-2757 or www.grandcanyonlodges.com

Laundry and Showers at Camper Services
6 am–11 pm, last laundry load 9:45 pm

Tusayan, Arizona

Located seven miles (11 km) south of Grand Canyon Visitor Center on Highway 64.

Lodging

Best Western Premier Grand Canyon Squire Inn 928-638-2681
Canyon Plaza Resort 928-638-2673; pets ok
Grand Hotel 928-638-3333
Holiday Inn Express 928-638-3000
Red Feather Lodge 928-638-2414; pets ok
7 Mile Lodge 928-638-2291

Camping

Camper Village (Private) Hookups, coin-operated showers, laundry, propane, dump station, and store. 928-638-2887 or www.grandcanyoncampervillage.com

Ten-X Campground (Kaibab National Forest)
Some individual sites first-come, first-served. Reserve some individual and all group sites at 877-444-6777 or www.recreation.gov

Additional Resources

Arizona Highway Information Dial 511 or 888-411-ROAD or visit www.az511.gov

Grand Canyon Chamber of Commerce
888-472-2696, www.grandcanyonchamber.com

Kaibab National Forest Tusayan Ranger District ranger station, 8 am–4:30 pm, Monday to Friday. 928-638-2443

Xantterra Bus Tours Depart daily to Desert View Watchtower and Hermits Rest for sunrise and sunset. Reserve at El Tovar Hotel concierge desk, transportation desks, 928-638-2631, or www.grandcanyonlodges.com

Xantterra Mule Trips Overnight trips to Phantom Ranch depart daily. A two-hour Canyon Vista ride along the rim departs twice daily. Inquire at Bright Angel transportation desk or call 928-638-3283.

Activities

Fixed-wing and helicopter tours.
Grand Canyon Airlines 800-528-2413
Grand Canyon Helicopters 800-541-4537
Maverick Airlines 800-218-9932
Maverick Helicopters 800-962-3869
Papillon Grand Canyon Helicopters 800-528-2418
Vision Airlines 800-256-8767
Westwind Aviation 888-869-0866

Grand Canyon Apache Stables
Horseback riding reservations: 928-638-2891

IMAX Theater Open 8 am–10 pm. Movie shown every hour on the half hour. First show 8:30 am, last show 8:30 pm. Food and gifts available. 928-638-2468

River Rafting

SMOOTH-WATER RAFT TRIPS
OUTSIDE THE PARK
Colorado River Discovery
888-522-6644 or www.raftthecanyon.com

WHITEWATER RAFT TRIPS
INSIDE THE PARK
www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/whitewater-rafting.htm

Day Hikes Below the Rim

A day hike into Grand Canyon affords an unparalleled experience. Knowledge, being prepared, and a good plan are all keys to success. Consider purchasing a trail guide at Park Stores before venturing down the trail. Gauge your fitness level, be honest about your health, and don't compare yourself to five years ago. Know your limits and avoid spontaneity—Grand Canyon is an extreme environment!

Park rangers like to say "going down is optional, but coming up is mandatory." It takes twice as long to hike up as it does to hike down. Eat and drink often and take a break once per hour. *Stay together, follow your plan, and know where and how to seek help.*

Backcountry Camping Permits

You must obtain a permit from the Backcountry Information Center to camp anywhere in the park other than in a developed campground on the South Rim or North Rim. A limited number of last minute walk-up permits are available.

For additional information about day and overnight hiking, visit the Backcountry Information Center or www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/backcountry.htm.



Trail	Destination	Distance Roundtrip	Difficulty; Temperature	Elevation Change One Way	Time Roundtrip	Facilities
Bright Angel Trail: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow the Bright Angel Fault down Garden Creek Canyon on a well-maintained trail Park at Grand Canyon Visitor Center and ride the Village Route shuttle bus to the Hermits Rest Route Transfer or park at the Backcountry Information Center and walk to the trailhead Water and toilets available at trailhead. Water occasionally not available at resthouses and Indian Garden due to water pipeline breaks—check before descending. Always bring a method to treat water. 	1st Tunnel	0.4 miles (0.6 km)	easy; warm	60 feet (20 m)	20 minutes	none
	2nd Tunnel	1.7 miles (2.8 km)	moderate; warm	590 feet (180 m)	1–2 hours	none
	1½-Mile Resthouse	3 miles (4.8 km)	moderate; hot	1,120 feet (340 m)	2–4 hours	water, toilets, emergency phone
	3-Mile Resthouse	6 miles (9.6 km)	difficult; very hot	2,120 feet (645 m)	4–6 hours	water, toilets, emergency phone
	Indian Garden	9 miles (14.4 km)	very difficult; extremely hot	3,040 feet (925 m)	6–9 hours	water, toilets, ranger station, camping, emergency phone
South Kaibab Trail: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow an exposed ridge line on a well-maintained trail for the best views during a relatively short hike Ride the Kaibab/Rim Route or Hikers' Express shuttle bus to the South Kaibab Trailhead Water, toilets, and pay phone located at trailhead 	Ooh Aah Point	1.8 miles (2.9 km)	moderate; warm	760 feet (230 m)	1–2 hours	none
	Cedar Ridge	3 miles (4.8 km)	difficult; hot	1,120 feet (340 m)	2–4 hours	toilets
	Skeleton Point	6 miles (9.6 km)	very difficult; extremely hot—start hike before 6 am	2,040 feet (620 m)	4–6 hours	none
Hermit Trail and Dripping Spring Trail: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gives intimate views of a long side canyon Rough and unmaintained—for experienced desert hikers only Begins west of Hermits Rest Water and toilets available at Hermits Rest 	Hermit Basin	2.8 miles (4.5 km)	difficult; hot	1,240 feet (380 m)	2–4 hours	none
	Santa Maria Spring	5 miles (8 km)	very difficult; extremely hot	1,680 feet (510 m)	4–6 hours	must treat water
	Dripping Spring	7 miles (11.3 km)	very difficult; extremely hot	1,040 feet (315 m)	5–7 hours	must treat water

9 Essentials for Your Day Pack

Water At least two liters of water depending on hike intensity and duration. Drink to thirst.

Food Bring salty snacks and a full meal. Eat often, even if you are not hungry. Snack every time you hydrate.

First Aid Kit and Survival Tools Also include medications, blister care, and duct tape.

Map Know your route. Many trails are well marked, but some are not.

Flashlight or Headlamp You may end up hiking in the dark unexpectedly; cell phones do not provide adequate light.

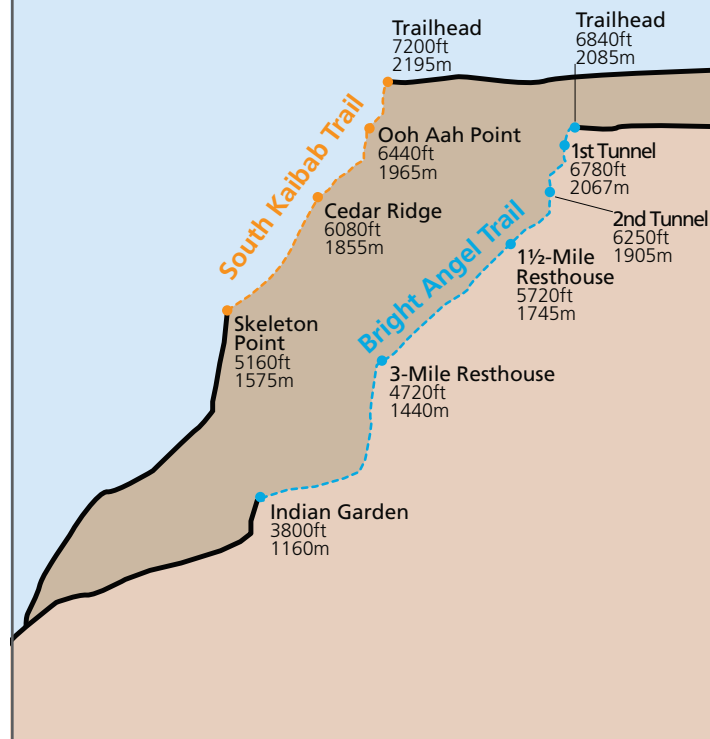
Sun Protection Sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, and a sun umbrella.

Communication Whistle or signal mirror; while cell phones are not reliable, they may be helpful.

Simple Shelters Emergency tarp with reflective side.

Weather-appropriate Clothing and Footwear Layer for the weather, protect yourself from the sun, and wear hiking boots with good soles.

South Kaibab Trail, Bright Angel Trail Profiles



Hermit Trail, Dripping Spring Trail Profiles



4 Dangerous Health Risks

Common Challenges Any activity at high elevation and in a dry environment can bring your body to its limits and exacerbate pre-existing medical conditions, current illnesses, or lack of proper fitness.

Heat-related Illnesses Beware of over-exposure to hot, dry weather. Rest in the shade, hydrate, and eat high-energy foods. When temperatures reach 95°F (35°C), consider shortening your hike. *Start and finish your hike before 10 am or after 4 pm. Do not hike during the heat of the day.*

Hyponatremia This common hiking illness occurs from overhydration and low salt ingestion during a strenuous hike—a deadly condition if ignored. Balance hydration with salty snack intake, eat a well-rounded lunch, and rest frequently. Drink to thirst and eat snacks regularly.

Over Exertion When looking from the rim into Grand Canyon everything looks close—but it is not! Know your limits, pace yourself, and take a 5- to 10-minute break every hour. If you are not feeling well, rest at least 30 minutes. Turn around on your hike before you feel tired.

Warning!

Hiking to the river and back in one day is not recommended due to long distances, extreme temperature changes, and a near 5,000-foot (1,500 m) elevation change each way. If you think you have the fitness and experience to attempt this *extremely strenuous* hike, please seek the advice of a park ranger at the Backcountry Information Center.

No Swimming The Colorado River is fast, wide, and a cold 46°F (8°C) year-round. Do not swim in the river—you will perish!

Desert View



Park Ranger Programs

Tusayan Ruin Tour

Explore how ancestral Puebloan people found food and water while creating homes at Grand Canyon.
1:30 pm
20 minutes
Tusayan Museum

Canyon Sunset Talk

Discover a captivating feature of the canyon while waiting for the sun to set at Desert View. Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
1 hour before sunset—see page 2 for sunset times
45 minutes
Desert View Point, near Desert View Watchtower

See page 3 for programs in Grand Canyon Village.

Books and Gifts

Desert View Trading Post 8 am to sunset

Desert View Watchtower 8 am to sunset

Desert View Watchtower Stairs 8 am to 30 minutes before sunset

Grand Canyon Association Park Stores

at **Desert View Visitor Center** 8 am–6 pm

at **Tusayan Museum and Ruin** 9 am–5 pm

Food and Beverage

Desert View Snack Bar 8 am to sunset; located in Desert View Trading Post

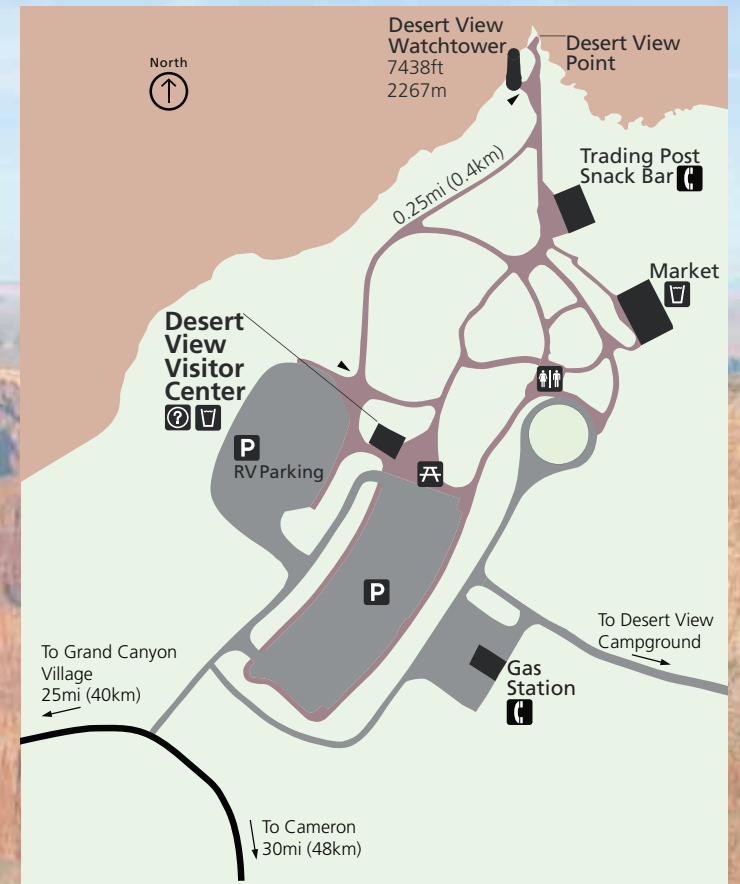
Services

Desert View Market 8 am–7 pm

Gas Station 9 am–5 pm; fuel, including diesel, available 24 hours a day with credit card

Camping

Desert View Campground (National Park Service) \$12/night; no hookups; maximum vehicle length 30 feet (9.1 m); first-come, first-served self registration



Protect the Park, Protect Yourself



Elevation and Weather Safety

Use sunblock, stay hydrated, take your time, and rest in the shade to reduce the risk of sunburn, dehydration, nausea, shortness of breath, and exhaustion while visiting the South Rim at 7,000 feet (2,135 m).

Monsoon storms are common during summer. When you hear thunder, move back from the canyon rim. Do not stand under a tree. Seek shelter inside a vehicle, building, or shuttle bus. Note that shuttle buses only stop at designated bus stops. Be aware of possible flash floods and falling rocks during and after storms.

Emergencies

Dial 911 or from hotel rooms dial 9-911

North Country Grand Canyon Clinic

8 am–6 pm daily; 928-638-2551



Protect and Respect Wildlife

Never approach or feed any animal. It is dangerous—both to you and the animal—and illegal to do so.

Deer and elk: Keep a distance of at least 100 feet (30 m), or about six car lengths.

Squirrels: Do not feed; they will bite and can carry fleas with the plague.

California condor: Stay 75 feet (23 m) away from these endangered birds.

Never Throw Anything Over the Edge

Never throw rocks, coins, trash, or anything else over the edge. Objects tossed over the edge or dislodged by walking off trail can injure hikers and wildlife below.



Free Water Filling Stations

It takes three liters of water to create one liter of bottled water. In an effort to reduce water over-use, litter, plastics in the waste stream, and greenhouse gas emissions, the park eliminated the sale of water packaged in individual disposable containers.

Free Grand Canyon spring water is available from bottle filling stations at major trailheads, visitor centers, grocery stores, and lodges. Bring your own or buy a reusable water bottle at Park Stores or gift shops. Stay hydrated and reduce your environmental footprint.



View Grand Canyon Safely

Stay at least 6 feet (2 m) from the edge and hold on to children. Always be aware of your surroundings. Do not back up without first looking where you are going.

Where Can I Take My Pet?

Leashed pets are allowed on rim trails. Pets are not allowed below the rim, in buildings, or on shuttle buses. These limits do not apply to service animals. Anyone wishing to take a service animal below the rim must check in at the Backcountry Information Center. For kennel information see page 6.

You can help protect the rocks, plants, animals, and artifacts at Grand Canyon National Park. Please do not collect anything or leave trash or graffiti.

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